

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 33, line 26 as follows:

Alternatively, the operator may use the manipulation system 18 to designate (in areas or at points) the positions in which the color/density matching is desired in the reference images and the image to be verified which are displayed on the verification screen of the display 20 so that the color and density of the designated region in the image to be verified can be automatically matched to those of the reference image accordingly. Further, correction keys and amounts of adjustment which are necessary to perform appropriate adjustment may be indicated on the display 20 in accordance with the positions designated as described above. In an example as shown in Fig. 4, the difference in the color/density (color difference) or the difference in the image structure index such as power spectrum between the region A designated in the reference image 78a and the region B designated in the image to be verified ~~96~~76, in other words, the difference in the finished state may be indicated by color and/or density within the designated region B or A. Alternatively, as shown in Fig. 5, both the images are displayed in a partially overlapped state and the difference in the finished state of the overlapped portions may be indicated by color and/or density on the corresponding portion of the reference image or the image to be verified.